Allocation for development of district hospitals in U.P.

†1846. PROF. MM. AGARWAL Will the Minister of HEALTHAND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government for the development of district hospitals of Uttar Pradesh during the year 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, district-wise; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make improvement in State-run hospitals and to save the common rural people of the State from dreaded and fatal diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PAN ABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and(b) Health being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the respective state government to develop/upgrade the facilities for providing necessary medical care to the people. However, the Central Governments augmenting the efforts of the state government through various centrally sponsored disease control programmes/schemes. Apart from this, Uttar Pradesh Health System Development Project is being implemented with the World Bank Assistance in Uttar Pradesh for a period of 5 1/2 years with effect from 26.7.2000 with an estimated outlay of Rs. 478.07 crores. The objectives of the project, *inter alia,* includes provision of quality health care services to the people in the rural areas, improvement of the health status of the people, especially the poor and the under served (women, SC/ST, elderly) by reducing mortality, morbidity and disability.

Amendment to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules

1847. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules (DCR) under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act;

(b) if so, the main set of new rules that are being considered;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.